

2006 Main Street Design services year in review

111 Main Street site visits performed, 55 of which were combined with a public presentation that was scheduled in that community.

31 presentations given with 1,180 people in attendance. Of these presentations, 6 of these were part of the regularly scheduled Illinois Main Street trainings.

86 design requests received.

58 renderings completed for building improvements, signage and/or logo in 31 Main Street communities.

27 technical assistance reports provided.

July- Two full time staff hired at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for Design Services.

Received the AIA Illinois Presidents Award for extraordinary achievements in advancing livable communities.

With IHPA's help and guidance, Momence's Design Committee is the first Main Street community to list their downtown on the National Register of Historic Places. In turn, they have trained other communities on how they did it.

Organized the Director's workshop in Lincoln, where Main Street directors learned the benefits of a strong preservation ordinance and how to develop a preservation commission.

3 IHPA Main Street staff gave 7 presentations in 6 conference sessions on Illinois Main Street Design Services at the Minnesota Statewide Preservation Conference.

4 IHPA staff spoke at the National Main Street Conference in New Orleans in June 2006.

Launched a new series of press releases to be used in conjunction with site visits and drawings.

2 Design staff completed the Structural Systems Building Pathology course at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies.

12 scholarships awarded to local Main Street programs to attend the Association of Preservation Technology Building Codes Conference in April of 2006.

17 scholarships awarded to local Main Street programs to attend the Annual Illinois Statewide Preservation Conference in June of 2006.

Assisted in Phase 1 of the Mesker façade facelift, which provided knowledge and understanding of the construction techniques that were used in the erecting of sheet-metal facades.